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LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This letter is a direct result of the communication from the Examiner dated June 12, 2009. Attached hereto please find a copy of the documents as filed on October 24, 2007 including a date-stamped post card indicating receipt by the USPTO. The applicants request the Examiner to consider the reference cited in the above-identified IDS originally filed October 24, 2007 and make it of record.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this document, he is requested to contact the undersigned. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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